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Office Action Summary

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LANDAU, SERGIO

Examiner

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 April 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 21-37 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Reissue Applications

1. The reissue declaration (see 7/24/2003) does not meet all requirements of 37 CFR 1.63. The duty to disclose clause is not of the proper language. 37 CFR 1.63(b)(3) requires that the declaration must state "that the person making the oath or declaration acknowledges the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to the person to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56". Note that 37 CFR 1.175 requires that reissue declarations comply with 37 CFR 1.63, in addition to stating that the patent is wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, stating a specific error, etc... Statements that reissue applicant acknowledges a duty to disclose information material to examination or complies with 37 CFR 1.56 are not sufficient.
2. Claims 1-20 are rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251 as set forth above. See 37 CFR 1.175.

The nature of the defect(s) in the declaration is set forth in the discussion above in this Office action.

Acknowledgments

3. The Applicant filed a timely response on 4/3/2007 to the Non-Final Office action mailed on 10/3/2006.
4. In the reply, the Applicant stated that they had filed a divisional reissue application that cancelled claims 1-20 (of the present application) and added claims 21-37 to have claims 21-37 examined by the Examiner. The DIV application was filed on 1/3/2007 and was assigned Serial No. 11/649396.

5. The Applicant desires to suspend the present reissue application (constructively elected claims 1-20) until the newly filed claims (claims 21-37 in the DIV application) are considered and determined allowable, at that point the new claims 21-37 in the DIV application will be rejoined with the suspended claims 1-20.
6. In order to suspend the present reissue application, the present application must be in conditions for allowance except for the need to merge the two reissue claims back together.
7. The Applicant is required to file a corrected declaration as discussed above, because in reissues, if the declaration is defective, all claims being examined are rejected because of the defective declaration.
8. Furthermore, the Applicant is required to cancel all withdrawn claims (21-37) to place the Application in conditions for allowance.
9. Upon proper response to the above rejections is received, the present reissue case will be in condition for suspension.

Response to Arguments

10. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew M. Gilbert whose telephone number is (571) 272-7216. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Sirmons can be reached on (571)272-4965. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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